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HOLINESS.

BY COLONEL CLIBBERN.

HOLINESS is the most economical thing in the world. The least people can afford to have is the least government of the Holy Ghost, the least of true economy there is in their lives. Nature is economical; it turns everything to account, and when all its operations are summed up we find that there is absolutely no waste.

Holiness is simply nature in the spiritual world. The world which is the next story above the world of matter. Holiness is man's original natural state; it is the state in which, and for which, he was created, and so it is "nature" to him. Thus a man who is economical, and Holiness is so natural, to Holiness must be economical.

We have only to think of Heaven, and we find instinctively that this must be true. There the "laws of nature" reign supreme. The Holy Ghost is the law being in Heaven is under the law of the government and control of the Holy Ghost. One breath of life in all, and the influence of the Divine life and will are instantaneously felt, and instantaneously obeyed by all His creatures throughout that universe of light and glory. The perfectly harmonious action of all rulers wastelessly of God's omnipotence precludes all the losses which arise in this lower world from friction and waste. Holiness is simply the state created by the abandonment of the Holy Ghost.

Let Holiness—this heavenly "law of nature"—come down to earth and take up its abode in the human temple which was created to be its temple, and true economy begins to show itself.

Heaven begins below, for Holiness is Heaven. If we want to know how things go in Heaven, let us look at the life of Him who came down from Heaven. How economical was the life of Christ! Where can we find any waste of time or words or efforts? The Spirit of His Father reigned in Him supremely, and from the stable in Bethlehem onward to the hour when His dying cry rang out upon Calvary, it was one life of perfect economy. And that one life, human and divine, so perfectly simple and humble, in all its movements, so distinctly shaking the nation and the earth by its mighty deeds, stands forth for ever before the world as the Life. Never too soon, never too late, never too fast, never too slow. At the right moment He appears on the storm-tossed waves.

At the right moment He reaches the gates of the Kingdom, and the great angel, the great Lamb, appears at the great feast; at the right moment the risen Redeemer is on the road to Emmaus, and at the right moment He enters Heaven, having finished the work which "was given him to do." And when His creative power had made the world, and there were small fishes just as good, bread for the 5,000 He gently set right the waste of the people by commanding them to gather in the fragments that remained, that nothing might be lost.

A heavenly lesson in the economy of the bread of life. The world which is the next story above the world of matter, the world of the Holy Ghost. "Man shall live," by every word which proceedeth from the mouth of God. This same "word" which is "angels food" in Heaven, and is the communicating medium of the life and will of God. Inward listening to the voice of God, inward surrender to the government of the Holy Ghost (though often realized in a wild of naked faith) and inward Heaven, brings an inward Holiness, and produces in the outward life—economy.

It means every one for God. Instead of there being a thousand or ten thousand separate interests to consult there is but one. Take the case of a blood-brother army, and what complete economy of the collective force there is as long as each thinks but of one object—obedience to the King—victory. But what a complete waste of the collective force there is (as far as the life of the army is concerned) when the army are every one, each man trying to think of his own skin and starts to run away.

Holiness is economical because it makes its possessor utterly disinterested. Having no selfish motive to consult, his life is full of the straight line of truth. Having no "reputation" to keep up, he loses no time in needless apologies or long-winded self-justifying explanations. Conscious of his own heart-integrity he is willing to be misunderstood. He seeks only the Kingdom. He is free from all duties to "appear" anything or to please men. Equally at ease to take the highest place or the lowest, to fight in the front rank or the rear, to be an unobtrusive "underground" worker or an overground one.

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Holiness is economical, because when plans break down, when people blunder and make mistakes, it does not waste time in useless recriminations, irritation, or blame, but picks up the broken threads of circumstances as quickly as possible and cheerfully does the next best thing.

Holiness is economical because being "perfect love" it "casts out fear," for fear leads to timidity and timid brings waste of time, and waste of brains, and waste of energies. Holiness is easy, and it is easy because it is in God, who controls all events and is stronger than circumstances, and able to make all things work together for good. It therefore sees a man free from selfish sorrow. It saves from penitence and selfishness.

Holiness is economical by its impartiality of judgment. There is no favoritism in Holiness. It is even-handed. It is just, for it judges of things and people solely in relation to God and the interests of His Kingdom of righteousness, love, and truth. It has not two measures, one for rich and the other for poor, one for attractive, brilliant people, and the other for plain people with few natural gifts. Partiality or favoritism is wasteful because it puts things out of balance and brings in elements of discord.

Holiness is economical because it means truth. A deaf-and-dumb boy was once asked to demonstrate the difference between truth and falsehood. He made the child drew two lines upon the blackboard, the one perfectly straight, the other crooked and zig-zag. The straight line of truth was, of course, the most economical of the two. It goes straight to the point. It is clear, direct. In nothing is Holiness more economical than in the straightness and definiteness of purpose and of action which it brings into the life.

Holiness is economical, because it is simple. It wastes no time in mere conventionalities. In its speaking or writing it is not encumbered with any of those conventional phrases which which the world is always seeking to make things small all round. Nor does this make it any the less truly noble and courteous; on the contrary, Holiness brings the only real politeness, being really humble, simple, unaffected and unadorned. It is in its true self, its own nature, its own life, its own spirit. It is clear and free, and it makes it avoid that worldly fuss and

Marriage of Marshall Hamilton Booth and Miss Charlesworth.

(London Daily Telegraph.)

A NATIONARY ARMY ADDRESS.

FAMILY 5,000 persons yesterday, assembled in the Congress Hall, Lower Clapton, to witness the marriage of Colonel Hamilton Booth and Miss Charlesworth, the daughter of the Rev. S. Charlesworth.

There was a few flags flying outside the Hall, but within decoration was confined to two of three inscriptions, one of which ran "God bless the union."

At about 11 o'clock, General Booth entered accompanied by his wife whom he publicly kissed, saying, "This is my bride." The bridegroom next descended to the platform, and soon afterwards Miss Charlesworth came leaning upon the arm of her brother-in-law, the Rev. Mr. Barclay. She alone, of all the women present, wore no tiara; but there was nothing in her dress of the ordinary bridal array. Attired in the regulation uniform of his serge, the only chief of his left shoulder with a satin knot. Upon this man was the bride, worked in red silk, "United for the War." A simple bunch of white blossom completed the costume. Four other young ladies were also distinguished by white veils, and these, presumably, were the bridesmaids. They were Miss Emma, Miss Eva, and Miss Lucy Booth, and Captain Booth, who is in charge of the Nursery Home at Clapton.

Among other who made up the party were Mr. and Mrs. Brunswell Booth, Mr. Herbert Booth, Mrs. Charles Barclay (sister of the bride), and Captain Barclay. In compliance with the law the registrar was in attendance, but took no active part. The bride was placed on the left of Mrs. Booth, and the bridegroom on the right of the General. After alternative hymns and prayer which lasted some time, the General read the twenty-third Psalm, and he then explained the nature of the "articles of marriage," consent to which is essential to a Salvation Army wedding. The young people, he said, were going to vow that they would live for each other, and further they would engage to make the interests of the Heavenly King their own. In connection with the marriage there might have been some little rattling, rattling, and clattering in the past, but he hoped that the blessing of the family on Miss Charlesworth's side might be given to the pair. The severest criticism of the ceremony, which requires unceasing faithfulness to the Army, having been read, the General addressed the couple, saying, "I have to stand forward if they wished to be married" on these terms.

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CRUCIFIXION.

BY STAFF-CAPT. VINT.

IT IS commonly supposed to signify the dreadful death of the one who Jesus Christ suffered in our behalf and nothing more. It is however only an outward symbol of His inward sufferings, and an outward demonstration of His loving love for a lost world.

He was only crucified upon the Cross externally in His body; but inwardly He was crucified over and over again, in agony of soul and mind as bloody sweat and tears.

The contemplation of the lost condition of the men and women around Him was far more painful to His tender loving soul, than the cruel nails of Calvary. His greatest pain was not on account of Himself, but on that of the lost, for He never considered Himself, but His thoughts were always for others and His dying prayers were for his murderers.

The contemplation of sinners and the endurance of indignity and injustice at the hands of the religious shams and traitors in men's souls of His day, was to Him a crucifixion. He was the only one who followed Him, and which His faithful follower and apostle who followed in His bleeding sweat and tears in the treading of "His daily."

Talk about crucifixion, what a burning heart He must have had when He thought of the lost world. How often would He have gathered up children together as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and yet would He die.

If we ourselves desire to be soldiers, we too must be willing to endure a daily crucifixion and to die.

Suffering with Christ is an indispensable condition of reigning with Him. It is to those who do not love Him, and the lost sufficiently to cease caring for themselves and seeking their own that He will say, "I never knew you."

Hundreds on becoming converted often joyfully upon the work of soul-saving; but alas, many of them lose heart and leave off in discouragement, if the devil makes them feel bad. Maybe they meet a few humbugs and hypocrites or a little opposition and difficulty, lose heart and money, or perhaps fall in with false brethren who mockle them and in a moment of gloom or pique they give up. Sometimes they come off for a rest, for a little pleasure, and they never get steam up again.

Numbers shrink from danger and draw back when the devil tells them that to go forward means to die. They fear the anger of their friends, or the sneers of men who can only kill the body, instead of Him who can kill both body and soul. In the judgment Day they will find that the world have been far better to have gone forward and died to have said, "Though He slay me yet will I trust in Him." They have not been ahead with Paul who marched on with the memorable words "Counting not my life dear."

Letter-Book.

BY AN OFFICER OF THE STAFF OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

No. 1.

SENT this to an officer who had worked hard for some time in a small town, and was now on his way to the people of the town would come regularly and avowedly indifferent, saying they had had lived so much about salvation, that nothing could ever produce any effect on them to give them.

Dear Captain: I look to see some of the glory of your day with you, and the next when you stand before the Throne.

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1. The first step is to identify the problem or question that needs to be answered. This involves understanding the context and the specific requirements of the task.

